

Application No. 10/014,626
Response dated March 6, 2006
Reply to office action dated December 6, 2005

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant has received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed December 6, 2005, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response ending March 6, 2006. Claims 1 and 34-39 remain pending. Claims 2-33 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 34-39 have been added. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Status of Response-After-Final Filed February 6, 2006

According to PAIR, as of the date of the filing of this Second Amendment-After-Final, the Examiner has not acted upon Applicant's Response-After-Final mailed February 6, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-8 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

For the reasons set forth in the Response-After-Final mailed on February 6, 2006, as well as other reasons, Applicant believes that claims 1-33 are clearly patentable over the cited art. However, because we are after final, Applicant has elected to take those claims that are indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter. More specifically:

Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claims 2 and 3. As such, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 34 includes the elements of claims 1, 2 and 4. As such, claim 34 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 35 includes the elements of claims 1, 2 and 5. As such, claim 35 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 36 includes the elements of claims 1, 2 and 6. As such, claim 36 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

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New claim 37 includes the elements of claims 1 and 7. As such, claim 37 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 38 includes the elements of claims 1 and 8. As such, claim 38 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

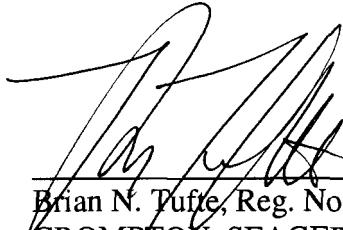
New claim 39 includes the elements of claims 1, 9, 11 and 13. As such, claim 39 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-33 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 1-33 in a subsequently filed continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims 1 and 34-39 are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a notice of allowance in due course is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.

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Respectfully submitted,



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